



SPECS

The Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System

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Serving the communities of Palo Alto, Stanford, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale by helping to recruit, train, and maintain a crew of amateur radio operators ready to provide emergency communication services in a time of need.

SPECS Users Group Annual Meeting

January 31, 2015

0800: Membership renewals, coffee, donuts, ID Photos by Phil Henderson (KF6ZSQ).

0900: Meeting called to order by Steven Olson (KI6MYE) on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the El Camino Hospital Rooms E, F and G. There were 77 attendees.

NOTE: The Treasurer's Report, by Wes Freeman (KG6POV), is included as Appendix A in this document.

Welcome and Introductions

Steven Olson (KI6MYE) welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that he was determined to start the meeting on time (which he did).

Each attending EC or their representative stood up and recognized the city team members present.

ECs Attending:

Los Altos:	Jim Clark (N6JRC)
Los Altos Hills:	Ed Jones (W7WPO)
Mt. View:	Jerry Haag (K6GAC)
Palo Alto:	Paul Lufkin (K6PML)
Sunnyvale:	Jerry Thalls (KG6HI)
NASA Radio Club:	Mark Foster (KI6DHU)
Stanford Radio Club:	Jack Pines (W1VSL)

Remarks by Brandon Bianchi, NI6C, ARRL Section Manager were delivered by Larry Carr (KE6AGJ).

He noted that CERT volunteers have a vested interest in using amateur radio for emergency communication. Brandon is developing a procedure for CERT team to compose messages by keeping them short and writing them down.

Remarks by Scott Morse (KC6SKM), Section Emergency Coordinator

He recently took the SEC job. He reminded all who hold county DSW cards need to verify their info in the County ARES-RACES database at least once a year.

Speaker: Michael Fox (N6MEF)

Topic: "Data Networking in Event/Incident Communication"

Michael questioned the audience about how many had checked e-mail or text messages that day – nearly everyone had. He then asked how many had made or received a voice phone call – about 15% had. He noted that data modes have become the preferred communication mode by most users, and that on mobile telephone systems data volume exceeded voice in 2009 and consumes a larger percentage every year. Amateur radio can build communication

networks and apps “when all else fails”. He described and demonstrated a data network over amateur radio using off-the-shelf components which supported voice, video, and shared files. This is the Cupertino ARCnet system.

The presentation will be available on the county web site on the packet page.

<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/packet.html>

Break

Break started at 10:21 and ended when Steven started the Annual Business Meeting at 10:41.

Attending Board Members:

Yes	Steven Olson	President	KI6MYE
Yes	Jerry Haag	1st VP	K6GAC
Yes	Jack Pines	2nd VP	W1VSL
Yes	Wes Freeman	Treasurer	KG6POV
Yes	Doug Greig	Secretary	KG6DSV
Yes	Paul Lufkin	Training	K6PML
Yes	Dru Anderson	Past President	KG6LAD
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI
Yes	Mark Foster	Director-At-Large, NASA-Ames ARC and Palo Alto ARES	KI6DHU

Steven made a request of the membership for more participation in board meetings. He reviewed his goals and metrics for the past year. Many more new users have stepped up to serve as net control operators. However packet check-ins have not increased so this may be an issue for the next year.

Treasurer Report: Wes Freeman (KG6POV)

The check book balances. The full Treasurer report is in Appendix A.

Secretary Report: Doug Greig (KG6DSV)

The minutes of last year’s annual meeting were approved since there were no objections.

1st VP Report: Jerry Haag (K6GAC)

2014 Flea Market was very successful, and Jerry identified and thanked all who volunteered to help. The next SPECS Flea Market is Sept 12th, 2015.

2nd Vice President Report: Jack Pines (W1VSL)

Jack recognized Annual Meeting helpers.

Training Report: Paul Lufkin (K6PML)

Paul attended the ham cram classes offered by BAEARS and promoted the follow-on Emergency Communication class. He also distributed information about SPECS to the attendees.

Repeater Association (RA) Report: Scott Overstreet (N6NXI)

Scott thanked the owner of the storage container that is used to store the donated equipment for the flea market and the people who donated equipment. He introduced the members of the RA. We remain in the old hospital building and only share the space with the Verizon cell site. It appears we will remain at this site for the foreseeable future.

The 440 repeater has been experiencing some interference from the PAVE PAWS radar at Beale Air Force Base. In the course of investigating this other issues with the repeater have been identified and resolved.

Training on the repeater codes will be given after main meeting.

Elections:

Steven led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2015 from the nomination committee is:

President:	Marc Roddin	KI6HLH
1st VP:	Andy Rose	KI6SEP
2nd VP:	Jack Pines	W1VSL
Secretary:	Bruce Riter	KE6EEX
Treasurer:	Wes Freeman	KG6POV
Training:	Paul Lufkin	K6PML

There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to close and accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Steven recognized Jerry Haag (1st VP) and Doug Greig (Secretary) retiring from the board. Thanks to hospital for room support.

The raffle for the FT-60 radio was won by ticket 870166 which was held by Alfred Elliot (KK6FMQ).

Meeting Adjourned by Steven: 11:22.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Greig (KG6DSV), SPECS Secretary



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SPECS Treasurer's Report for 2014

January 31, 2015

Our checkbook balance on January 1, 2014 was **\$13,394.95**. We had **\$15,491.61** invested in CDs, so our total assets were **\$28,886.56**.

Our checkbook balance on December 29, 2014 was **\$15,262.59**. The total value of our two CDs was **\$15,504.02**. Adding the CDs to the Checkbook balance, our cash assets are **\$30,766.61**.

Gross income was **\$7,834.05** (mostly from the Flea Market) and expenses were **\$5,954.00**, so our net income for 2014 was **\$1,880.05**.

Income from member dues in 2014 was **\$640.00**. Income from bank interest in 2014 was **\$12.41**. Our CDs now pay interest monthly, unlike 'traditional' CDs which have prepayment penalties for early withdrawal.

The Electronics Flea Market resulted in a net income to SPECS of **\$2,070.77**. Receipts were \$6,395.59 (gate = \$2,960.00, donation table = \$2,658.27 and food = \$777.32) and expenses were \$4,324.82. Expenses include a payment of \$1,950.00 to ASVARO and \$2,070.77 transferred to the Repeater Association.

Meeting and newsletter expenses of **\$412.15** were partially offset by contributions of **\$22.00** for donuts. The mailbox fee was **\$252.00**, liability insurance was **\$300.00** and we paid the CA Board of equalization **\$28.00** for 2013 sales tax on taxable Flea Market concessions.

There were no Repeater Association expenses in 2014, other than the transfer of Flea Market funds.

There was one outstanding bill at the end on 2014: A payment of \$30.00 to the CA Board of Equalization for sales tax on the 2014 Flea Market concessions. This expense will be paid (and has already been paid) in January, 2015.

We had a total of 123 dues paying members in 2014, of which 86 (70%) indicated that they are ARRL members.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Freeman, KG6POV
SPECS Treasurer

SPECS Accounts for 2014 by category					
Date	Number	Item Description	Received	Payments	Category
1/3/2014	166	Tom Smith for printing and mailing newsletter		\$144.33	3
1/8/2014		Dues	\$125.00		1
		Dues	\$75.00		1
1/9/2014	167	CA Board of Equalization- 2013 Sales Tax		\$28.00	10
1/22/2014		Dues	\$230.00		1
		Dues	\$130.00		1
		Donations for donuts at Annual Meeting	\$22.00		3
2/8/2014		Dues	\$25.00		1
	168	Wes Freeman, donuts for Annual Meeting		\$50.00	3
2/22/2014		Dues	\$10.00		1
2/22/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
2/24/2014	169	Village Mail Center		\$252.00	6
2/24/2014	170	Hays Companies		\$300.00	7
4/14/2014	171	ASVARO for Flea Market, August 9, 2014		\$1,950.00	4
5/17/2014	172	Wes Freeman, Secretary of State SO-100 fee		\$20.00	9
5/17/2014	173	Mike Prince, coffee for 2014 Annual Meeting		\$117.90	3
5/17/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
6/12/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
8/7/2014	174	Cash for Flea Market concessions		\$614.00	4
8/9/2014	175	Donut Basket, Flea Market donuts		\$187.50	4
8/15/2014		Flea Market gate	\$2,960.00		5
8/15/2014		Flea Market concessions	\$1,361.50		5
9/14/2014	176	Jerry Haag for Flea Market expenses		\$93.65	4
9/14/2014	177	Paul Lufkin, Mike-Mike cards		\$26.00	9
9/16/2014		FARS for left over sodas	\$29.82		5
9/16/2014		Scott Overstreet for Flea market donation table	\$2,658.27		5
9/22/2014		Peter Griffith, donation	\$150.00		9
9/22/2014		Dues	\$10.00		1
11/21/2014		Dues	\$20.00		1
11/21/2014	178	Void			-
11/21/2014	179	SPECS RA, 1/2 share of Flea Market profit		\$2,070.70	8
11/21/2014		Donation	\$0.05		9
12/31/2014	180	Postmaster, stamps to mail newsletter		\$68.60	3
	181	See 2015 checks			-
12/31/2014	182	Wes Freeman, printing newsletter at Kinko's		\$31.32	3

Totals by category:	Income	Expense	Category
Dues	\$640.00		1
Interest (Reinvested in CDs)	\$12.41		2
Meeting and newsletter expenses	\$22.00	\$412.15	3
Flea Market expenses		\$2,845.15	4
Flea Market receipts	\$7,009.59		5
Mailbox		\$252.00	6
Liability Insurance		\$300.00	7
SPECS RA, one half of flea market profit		\$2,070.70	8
Donations and miscellaneous	\$150.05	\$46.00	9
Sales tax (for 2013)		\$28.00	10
Totals:	\$7,834.05	\$5,954.00	

Calendar Year 2014 Profit	\$1,880.05
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